

## DEATH OF DR. A. H. BRADFORD

A NOTED MONTECLAIR PASTOR AND CIVIC WORKER.

His First Pastorate Was His Only One and He Lasted More Than Forty Years City Gives Benevolent Institutions to Him. Author of Books and Editor.

MONTCLAIR, N. J., Feb. 18. The Rev. Dr. Amory Howe Bradford, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Montclair, died tonight of paralysis at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. Allen Oakley, at 105 Orange road, Montclair. He had been in ill health for four years. His last appearance in public was at the funeral of Philip Doremus, the oldest resident of Montclair, on January 2. Dr. Bradford is survived by his wife and son, the Rev. Arthur Howe Bradford, assistant pastor of the South Congregational Church of Springfield, Mass., and by three daughters, Dr. Stella Bradford of Montclair, Mrs. Binnie Morrison of Glen Ridge and Mrs. Oakley.

Dr. Bradford was born in Granby, Orange county, New York, April 14, 1834. He was the son of the Rev. Benjamin Franklin Bradford and Mary A. Howe and was eighth in line of descent from Rev. William Bradford of the Plymouth colony and a descendant of John Bradford, pretense of St. Paul's, London, who died in 1555 after two years in prison because of his religious doctrines. Amory Howe Bradford prepared for college at the Penn Yan Academy, was graduated from Hamilton College in 1857 and after studying for a time at Auburn Theological Seminary went to the Andover Seminary, from which he was graduated in 1870.

On December 18, 1880, a group of Congregationalists in Montclair met at the home of Joseph B. Boodle and organized the First Congregational Church. They found a hall for a meeting place and called it the First Congregational Church. Dr. Bradford, just out of the seminary, appeared before the congregation as a candidate for the pastorate. He was the first candidate for the position, and up to the time of his death was the only candidate the church ever had listened to. He accepted the church's call and was installed as pastor the following September. On September 1, he was married to Julia S. Stevens, daughter of W. R. Stevens of Little Falls, N. Y.

When Dr. Bradford took charge of the church there were only eighty-four members, and Montclair was a village of 1,500 inhabitants. He started in to build up not only his church but the village. A reform club to curb intemperance and other outcroppings of the town, a library, a hospital and an organization for the study of good government were some of the things which he said the village needed and which he saw the village get.

In 1884, Dr. Bradford spent six months studying at Oxford, England, and in the same year Hamilton College gave him its degree of divinity. In 1888, his first book, "Spirit and Life," appeared. In 1891 he attended the international council of Congregationalists in London as the representative from the State of New Jersey. While in England he delivered the baccalaureate sermon in Marshfield College, Oxford, the first time this honor had been conferred upon an American, and attracted much notice by his sermon delivered in various cities of England. He sent home accounts of the council for the Independent and on his return to America he became an associate editor of the Outlook, a position which he held until 1896. In 1892-93, he was a lecturer at Andover, and for several years was a contributor to the Congregationalist.

In 1894 Dr. Bradford returned to London to preach for a time in the Westminster chapel. He was the first secretary and the president of the American Institute of Christian Philosophy and in 1895 the American Board of Foreign Missions sent him to Japan as a member of a deputation to inspect the missions there. He also was moderator of the National Council of Congregational churches in 1901. He was president of the American Missionary Association in 1904. The reform club which he established in Montclair later became the local branch of the Y. M. C. A., and other plans which he formulated in his early days at Montclair developed later into the Children's Home and the Mountside Hospital.

After "Spirit and Life" the following books appeared over Dr. Bradford's name: "Old Wine, New Bottles," 1892; "The Pilgrim in Old England," 1893; "Heaven and Christian Problems," 1895; "The Growing Revelation," 1897; "The Sistine Madonna," 1897; "The Holy Family," 1899; "The Art of Living Alone," 1899; "The Return to Christ," 1900; "The Age of Faith," 1900; "Spiritual Lessons From the Bible," 1900; "Messages of the Masters," 1902; "The Ascent of the Soul," 1902; and "The Inward," 1902. In June of last year the First Congregational Church of Montclair, which had never known any other pastor than Dr. Bradford, celebrated its fortieth anniversary. At the time of the celebration Dr. Bradford was still in full charge of the church. In December he tendered his resignation because of failing health and in January the resignation was accepted and Dr. Bradford was made pastor emeritus. Dr. Hugh Black of the Union Theological Seminary accepted a call to act as pastor of the church for one year.

## J. Edward Swanstrom's Funeral.

There was a large attendance of men in official, professional and business life at the funeral of former Borough President J. Edward Swanstrom yesterday afternoon at the Central Congregational Church in Hancock street, Brooklyn. All the members of the Board of Estimate with the exception of Mayor Gaynor, who sent a letter of regret, Borough President Rogers and his staff, delegates from various financial and social bodies with which the deceased was connected were present. The Rev. Dr. Macy McGee Waters, pastor of the Tompkins Avenue Congregational Church, officiated. Following the regular services there was Masonic ritual, conducted by Anglo-Saxon Lodge, and led by Grand Master Squires. The interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

## Obituary Notes.

John Bonbach, a well known lawyer, died on Friday night of pneumonia at his home in Middle Village, Queens, borough. He was 53 years old. He was born in Minnesota, and went to Queens about fifteen years ago. He was active in Democratic politics and was a member of a number of fraternal organizations. He is survived by his wife and two children.

William Langstaff Smalley, Sr., aged 84 years, father of Mayor Newton B. Smalley, died on Saturday at his home, 143 East 10th street, Brooklyn. He was born in New York, and had been a clerk in the Bridge Department for thirty-seven years. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

John Hurlman, a Brooklyn lawyer, well known in Swiss circles and president of the Swiss Club and of the Swiss Benevolent Association of New York city, died on Saturday in his sixty-seventh year at his home, 115 Penn street. He was born in Switzerland.

## Mayor Willing's New Secretary.

Mayor J. Otto Willing of Jersey City appointed Frederick Rider as Mayor's secretary yesterday to succeed A. Harry Moore, the new city collector. Rider has been secretary of the Harbor Board. He was a member of the New Jersey bar, and was formerly a ranchman in the latter State.

## WANTS TO LEAVE MATTEWAN.

Young Woman Says She Feigned Insanity to Get Out of Bedford Home.

NEWBURGH, Feb. 18. Mary Mullen, who was committed to the Matteawan hospital for insane convicts from the Bedford prison for women, was before Judge Tompkins this morning on a writ of habeas corpus secured by Norman A. Lees of Brooklyn, who secured his own liberty from the institution about six months ago and since then has been helping others of the institution out of their troubles.

Miss Mullen is a Southern woman, about 25 years of age, and according to her own story has been confined in prisons in Richmond, Baltimore, Washington, New York and other places. In nearly every instance she has been committed to institutions for the reformation of fallen women. At the Bedford home she says she was compelled to dig ditches and do other menial service that was not in keeping with her sex. She made up her mind that the only way to get out was to feign insanity and she proceeded with such success that she was sent to the Matteawan asylum. There she says she was roughly handled and in one or two instances was struck and injured by attendants or physicians. She says when she first went to the asylum two years ago cigarettes and whiskey were supplied by the male attendants and the records made on the books of her violent character were the result of the liquor she drank. She says none of the attendants who furnished the liquor are in the place now.

The hospital physicians say that while the woman has sane intervals she is given to all sorts of insane ideas, her principal delight at such times being to break windows and destroy furniture. They say she is constitutionally defective and will never be fully sane. It is their intention to discharge her as soon as her period of imprisonment in the Bedford home expires, which will be in March. Mr. Lees says he has arranged with the director of Valley Cottage, which is in charge of the Voluntary of America, to take her if she is discharged and to what they can to redeem the girl and make her a valuable member of society. Judge Tompkins assured the parties interested that he knew the cottage to be all right and he would render a decision during the coming week as to whether he will release her now or permit her to serve out her sentence.

## THE MAYOR'S THOUSAND EYES.

That's the Department of Accounts, Mr. Fossdick Tells the City Club.

An argus eyed institution is the Department of Accounts, as Commissioner Raymond R. Fossdick explained to the Saturday luncheon of the City Club yesterday afternoon. It is the Mayor's argus eye, Mr. Fossdick said.

"We are looking after thirty-five departments and 35,000 employees of the city government, to which it is a physical impossibility for the Mayor personally to give observation, and in this respect we are also the eyes of the citizens by giving publicity to what is going on in the city departments."

"An investigation which the bureau is now making of every department is intended to show the cost of misgovernment and impress it upon both the citizens of New York and city employees. The citizens because of ignorance do not interpret graft as the lowest of social corruption. Also it is just as important to see that all the city's money is collected as it is to stop wrongful expenditures."

The Commissioner told of the investigations in the Borough of Queens, where ninety-three indictments against officials and employees had been filed in his report. A new system for the prevention of similar frauds had been established and the number of employees had been reduced. In Brooklyn \$175,000 had been saved. The Commissioner then made the statement that although he had cut down the expenses in other departments he needed more men and money in his own particular office.

## COST OF QUEENS GRAFT HUNT.

Bills Rendered to the City, \$5,242; Train's, \$7,000, and Other Expenses.

Mayor Gaynor recently wrote to District Attorney Frederick G. De Witt of Queens county as follows: Hon. F. G. De Witt, District Attorney of Queens County.

Sir: Will you be so good as to report to me, if it be not too much trouble, the names of the persons employed under Mr. Train, who was assigned by the Attorney-General to conduct certain prosecutions in Queens county recently, and the residence of each person so employed, and the amount paid to him, and the length of time he was employed, and anything else in connection therewith which may make a complete report. Very truly yours, W. J. GAYNOR, Mayor.

In compliance with this request the District Attorney sent a report to the Mayor showing that besides Mr. Train's bill there were bills for attorneys' fees ranging from \$100 to \$1,232.50, for investigators' fees from \$77 to \$280, for stenographers' hire from \$10 to \$400, for supplies, law books, printing, photographers, expert accountants, &c., \$1,085.99, besides other bills which brought the amount up to \$5,242.50, which, with the \$7,000 allowed to Mr. Train made a total of \$12,242.50. Mr. De Witt wrote that his report included all the bills that had been presented up to date.

## 11TH AVE. CASE DISMISSED.

P. S. Commissioner's Order About Trains Not a Penal Statute.

After a three month hearing Magistrate Freschi in the Essex Market court handed down a half hour opinion yesterday dismissing the complaint made by Henry G. Schneider against the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company for operating freight trains along Eleventh avenue in prohibited hours.

The specific offense that Mr. Schneider, Secretary of the Eleventh Avenue Track Removal Association, complained of, was that on November 17, 1910, the railroad folks ran a twenty car freight down Eleventh avenue near Forty-second street at an hour when schoolchildren were returning home to lunch, thus violating an order of the Public Service Commission, which the complainant took to be a penal statute.

## GOULD WINDOW SMASHER.

MR. FORBES THINKS CHARLEY WHITE HEAVED THE BRICK.

Alas the Lamplighter and the Man Who Forced His Way Into Opdycke House Search for Him on the Bowery Yesterday Unsuccessful—Other Cases.

Inspector Russell having the gravity of the panhandler situation brought home to him on Friday night by the brick which was cast through a window of Miss Helen Gould's house at 570 Fifth avenue, has determined to rid the city of the ex-yoggees. Two detectives were detailed yesterday to round up the yogges and secure as many convictions against them as possible.

The inspector found at the outset that he had no men sufficiently acquainted with the ways of the mendicants to make a thorough roundup and called in James Forbes, director of the National Association for the Prevention of Mendicancy and Charitable Imposture. Mr. Forbes believes from the description furnished by Miss Gould's butler and his knowledge of the begging fraternity that he knows the man who broke Miss Gould's window and that he is Charley White, alias the Lamplighter.

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